

NSDI Strategic Plan – Project Framework/Timeline

1. BACKGROUND

Strategic Plan Drivers

- [OMB Circular A-16](#) (Section 8.e.a):
“What are the FGDC responsibilities and reporting requirements?”
The FGDC will: (a) Prepare and maintain a strategic plan for the development and implementation of the NSDI.”
- [GAO Report \(GAO-13-94\): Geospatial Information – OMB and Agencies Need to Make Coordination a Priority to Reduce Duplication](#) (Page 34):
“Recommendations for Executive Action
To better facilitate the coordination of—and accountability for—the estimated billions of dollars in federal geospatial investments, and to reduce duplication, we recommend that the Secretary of the Interior, as the FGDC Chair, direct the FGDC Steering Committee to take the following actions.
 - Establish a time frame for creating and updating a strategic plan to improve coordination and reduce duplication, and create and implement the plan within the established time frame. The plan, at a minimum, should include (1) a vision statement for the NSDI; (2) outcome-oriented goals and objectives that address all aspects of the NSDI; (3) a description of how the goals and objectives are to be achieved, including a description of the resources needed to achieve the goals and objectives and how the FGDC is to work with other agencies to achieve them; (4) performance measures for achieving the stated goals; and (5) external factors that could affect the achievement of the goals and objectives.”
- [Digital Government Strategy](#)
- [Open Government Directive](#)
- Open Data Policy (2013)

Previous NSDI Strategic Plans

- [NSDI Future Directions Initiative](#) (2004)
- [A Strategy for the NSDI](#) (1997)
- [Plan for the National Spatial Data Infrastructure](#) (1994)

Recent FGDC Strategic Activities

- [Geospatial Platform Business Plan](#) (2012)
- [Geospatial Platform Modernization Roadmap](#) (2011)
- [OMB Circular A-16 Supplemental Guidance](#) (2010)
- [Geospatial Line of Business Common Solutions/Target Architecture](#) (2006)
- [Federal Enterprise Architecture Geospatial Profile](#) (2006)

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2. HIGH-LEVEL TIMELINE DRAFT

What	Purpose	Who	Timeframe
Project Start-up	Draft initial project outline & timeline, establish project team, define roles and responsibilities	FGDC OS	Dec 2012 – Jan 2013
Core Team Meetings	Project management, planning, strategizing	Core Team	Weekly
FGDC Coordination Group Meetings	Interagency coordination & communication; provide input to planning process	Core Team/Coord. Group	Monthly
ExCom Meetings	Strategic direction/consultation	Core Team/ExCom	Monthly/As-needed
Outreach to external partners, key individuals, professional meetings	Inform of activities, solicit feedback & ideas on strategic direction – utilize social media, etc.	Core Team/Coord. Group/ExCom	Feb - Sept
Strategic Visioning Workshop	Build consensus on strategic direction – Context Map, SPOT Analysis, Vision (will include planning webinar for participants approx. 1 week prior to Workshop)	Key Federal Stakeholders	March 5
NSDI Leaders Forum	Briefing for key external groups/leaders on NSDI, gather initial input and encourage involvement	Key External Geospatial Organizations/Leaders	March 7
Develop expanded outline of Strategic Plan	Compile results of Kick-off meeting and outreach activities; Develop expanded outline of Strategic Plan	Writing Team/Core Team	Feb - March
FGDC Steering Committee Meeting	Validate context, provide input into strategic direction	FGDC SC	March 19 (tentative)
NGAC Meeting	Validate context, provide input into strategic direction	NGAC	April 2 - 3
Develop initial draft Strategic Plan (v1)	Compile and synthesize feedback from SC and NGAC, develop initial draft plan (v1)	Writing Team/Core Team	April-May
NGAC Meeting	Review, discussion, and feedback on initial draft plan (v1); prioritize goals & objectives	NGAC	June 11-12
FGDC Steering Committee Meeting	Review, discussion, and feedback on initial draft plan (v1); prioritize goals & objectives	FGDC SC	June 13
Develop revised draft Strategic Plan (v2)	Develop revised draft strategic plan (v2) based on feedback from SC and NGAC.	Writing Team/Core Team	June - July
Public Comment Period	Public comment on v2 of plan	External stakeholders	July - Aug
NGAC Meeting	Review revised draft plan (v2) and public comments	NGAC	Sept 10-11
FGDC Steering Committee Meeting	Review revised draft plan (v2) and public comments	FGDC SC	Sept 12
Develop Final Review Draft Strategic Plan (v3)	Develop final review draft strategic plan (v3) based on public comments and feedback from SC and NGAC.	Writing Team/Core Team	Sept - Oct
NGAC Endorsement of Strategic Plan	Endorsement of Strategic Plan by NGAC	NGAC	Oct
FGDC Approval of Strategic Plan	Approval by Steering Committee vote	FGDC SC	Oct
Final review/approval of Strategic Plan	Final review/approval of Strategic Plan	Executive Sponsors/OMB	Nov - Dec

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3. Roles and Responsibilities

Executive Sponsors: Anne Castle (DOI, FGDC Chair), Lisa Schlosser (OMB, FGDC Vice-Chair), Dan Cotter (DHS), Ivan DeLoatch (FGDC Executive Director)

Core Team: John Mahoney (FGDC), Ken Shaffer (FGDC), Jerry Johnston (DOI rep), Steve Lewis (DOT rep), Tony LaVoi (DOC rep), Lew Summers (DHS/Coordination Group Vice Chair), Tricia Gibbons (Facilitator, Lead Alliance)

FGDC Executive Committee: Serve as key consultation group for the strategic planning process on behalf of the FGDC Steering Committee; provide direction and validate findings

FGDC Coordination Group: Provide interagency coordination & communication; ongoing input to planning process; identify members for writing team & communications team

Writing Team: Compile inputs from various sources to develop draft versions of Strategic Plan (approx. 3 members from Federal Community)

Communications Team: Develop and lead the implementation of communications/outreach plan

Contributing Participants:

- National Geospatial Advisory Committee: Validate approach, provide input on context setting and strategic direction; provide feedback on the work of the writing team. Gather input from NGAC member organizations.
- Federal Geospatial Community: Set the context (History, Environmental Scan, SPOT Analysis).
- Non-Federal Geospatial Community: Provide input, validate approach.
- Document Review Team: Approx. 5 selected participants from the geospatial community to review the draft of the strategic plan prior to distribution to the greater geospatial community.